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COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, July 18, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

TAPE NO. 47, Sides A & B, No. 001 to end

TAPE NO. 48, Sides A & B, No. 001 to end

TAPE NO. 49, Side A, No. 001 to 205

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisors Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick, Clark and
De Bruin (Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

Scheduled Items:

1. 06R13 From the County Executive, relative to a proposal for a Milwaukee County Parks District. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)** Communications: From County Executive entitled, "Park District Overview" dated 7/18/06; and from County Board staff entitled, "Questions for County Executive Walker regarding a park district" dated 7/18/06. **(Copy attached to original copy of these minutes.)** (Tape No. 47A-050 to 700)

APPEARANCES: County Executive Scott Walker
Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., Sixteenth District (Tape No. 47A-524)
Supervisor Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr., Fourteenth District (Tape No. 47A-559)
Registering in support: Mr. Jim Goulee, The Park People
Mr. John Lunz, Preserve our Parks

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

2. 06-330 Resolution by Supervisor Weishan, authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to prepare a cost estimate of all deferred maintenance within the parks system including buildings, ponds/lagoons, athletic fields, etc. and report back to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment at its September 2006 meeting. (Tape No. 47A-701 to 47B-250)

Scheduled Items (Continued):

APPEARANCES: Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., Sixteenth District
Mr. George Torres, Director, Department of Public Works
Mr. Greg High, Director, Architecture, Engineering and Environmental
Services (AE&ES) Section, Department of Public Works

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY: (DEVINE) Approve. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick, Clark and De Bruin
(Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

3. 06-115 Veto by the County Executive of a report reaffirming the Committee on Finance and Audit's previous position to approve an advisory referendum on the question of whether the State of Wisconsin should grant Milwaukee County the authority to levy a one-quarter of 1% county use and sales tax, the revenues of which will be dedicated to support County parks, recreation and culture programs and services, referred back on 6/22/06 to the Committee on Finance and Audit and referred to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment. (Communication from Supervisor Nyklewicz dated 7/17/06.) (Tape No. 47B-251 to 709)

APPEARANCES: Supervisor Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr., Fourteenth District
(support overriding the veto)

Supervisor Devine in the chair (Tape No. 47B-495).

MOTION BY: (McCUE) Move to override the veto by the County Executive.
(Vote 3-4) Note: the vote to override failed; the veto was sustained by a vote of 4-3.

AYES: McCue, Broderick and Clark

NOES: De Bruin, Borkowski, Schmitt and Devine (Acting Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

4. 06-255 Report, referred back 5/18/06, recommending rejection of an amended resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the question of whether the State of Wisconsin should grant Milwaukee County the authority to levy a one-half of 1% county use and sales tax, the revenues of which will be used to directly offset 100% of all property tax revenues currently used to support county parks, recreation and culture programs and services commensurate with a decrease in the property tax revenues used for park, recreational and cultural purposes. (Tape No. 47B-710 to end of tape)

Scheduled Items (Continued):

APPEARANCES: Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., Sixteenth District, submitted document entitled, "1% Sales Tax for Parks, Recreation and Culture in Milwaukee County."

MOTION BY: (BRODERICK) Amend at line 102 after the words "programs and services" add the words "guaranteeing a \$30 million reduction in the property tax levy"? **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Clark and De Bruin (Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

MOTION BY: (BRODERICK) Approve, as amended (Tape No. 47B-720).

(Vote 1-6) Note: the matter failed adoption; the action is a recommendation to reject the said resolution, as amended.

AYES: Broderick

NOES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Clark and De Bruin (Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

5. 06-298 Report, referred back on 6/22/06 to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit, recommending adoption of an amended resolution that provides the Department of Parks with a minimum property tax levy funding of \$19.2 million for 2007, 2008 and 2009. (Tape No. 48A-001 to 224)

Supervisor Devine in the chair (Tape No. 48A-001).

MOTION BY: (DE BRUIN) Approve [to reaffirm the committee's previous position to approve]. **(Vote 6-1)**

AYES: De Bruin, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick and Devine (Acting Chairman)

NOES: Clark

EXCUSED: None

6. 06-28 Third Quarter Financial update from the Milwaukee Public Museum. **(Also to**
(a) **the Committee on Finance and Audit.** (Tape No. 48A-225 to 658)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Michael Bernatz, Chief Financial Officer, MPM
Ms. Julie Esch, County Board Senior Research Analyst

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

7. 06R02 Informational report from the Director of Parks relative to 2006 Operations; list of Park Positions requiring attention dated 7/11/06. **(Copy attached to original copy of these minutes.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)** (Tape No. 48B-278 to 49A-105)

APPEARANCES: Ms. Sue Black, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Mr. Chuck Ward, Chief of Operations, Department of Parks

Ms. Lauri Panella, Chief of Recreation Services

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

8. 06-329 Resolution by Supervisor Devine, creating the Green Purchasing Task Force to develop a set of policies for the development of a green purchasing program that encourages the use of environmentally preferable products including those that contain recycled materials, reduce waste, save energy, are less toxic or are more durable. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit)** (Tape No. 48A-659 to 684)

Supervisors Broderick and Clark requested to be added as co-sponsors of the above resolution. Upon hearing no objections; Chairman De Bruin so ordered the names added as co-sponsors.

MOTION BY: (CLARK) Approve. **(Vote 7-0*)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick, Clark and De Bruin (Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

*Supervisor Schmitt requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting aye. Upon hearing no objections, Chairman De Bruin so ordered (Tape No. 48B-001).

9. 06-345 A resolution by Supervisors Quindel and Rice rescinding Milwaukee County's policy to ban the sale of Pabst Brewing Company's products by Milwaukee County Departments.

This item was withdrawn on 7/14/06 by addendum number two to the agenda.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

10. 06R14 Report from the Director of Parks relative to adopted policy (File No. 00-191, March 16, 2000) regarding **General Policy on Use of Parkland in Cooperation with Other Governmental Units (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)** (Copy attached to original copy of these minutes.) (Tape No. 49A-106 to 205)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, Parks Department

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

11. 06-236 From Engineering Manager, Losik Engineering Design Group, requesting three permanent and two temporary storm water easements for the River View Project. **(REPORT FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.)** (Tape No. 48B-008 to 065)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, Parks Department

Chairman De Bruin temporarily laid this item over.

MOTION BY: (CLARK) Approve [the Parks Department's recommendation]. **(Vote 6-1)** (Tape No. 48B-265)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick and Clark

NOES: De Bruin (Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

12. 06-344 From the Director of Parks, requested authorization to grant a 12-year, temporary easement to Payne and Dolan, Inc. for \$25,000 to utilize park property in the Root River Parkway adjacent to their Franklin quarry. (Tape No. 48A-685 to end of tape)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Brian Endres, Payne and Dolan

MOTION BY: (BORKOWSKI) Approve. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, McCue, Broderick, Clark and De Bruin (Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

13. 06R15 Presentation by the Urban Open Space Foundation relative to collaborative community efforts of the Greater Johnsons Park Project. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)** (Tape No. 48B-068 to 277)

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Supervisor Devine in the Chair.

APPEARANCES: Mr. William Lynch, Preserve Our Parks (support)

John Lunz, Preserve Our Parks (support)

Registering only: Amy Brock, Lake Park Friends

Sharon Adams, Walnut Way Conservation Corp. (support)

Corliss D. Woon, Community Planning Council (support)

Randy Bryant, Preserve Our Parks (support)

Young C. Kim, Fondy Food Center (support)

Faith Colas, NAACP, Milwaukee Branch (support)

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. George Torres, Superintendent of Transportation Division, DPPI
Mr. Greg High, Director, Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Services (AE&ES)

Section, Department of Public Works

Mr. Michael Bernatz, Chief Financial Officer, MPM

Ms. Julie Esch, County Board Senior Research Analyst

Ms. Sue Black, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Mr. Chuck Ward, Chief of Operations, Department of Parks

Ms. Lauri Panella, Chief of Recreation Services

Mr. Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, Parks Division

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Adjourned: 1:45 p.m.

Maribeth Welchman
Committee Clerk

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